

St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 21st April 2023



Thought for the week

“Jesus himself came up and walked along with them.”

Gospel of Luke 24:15

Mrs. Rawlinson's messages

Well done to all our Year 6 children who this week have had a 'mock SATs week' in preparation for their End of Key Stage 2 tests coming up in May. I am incredibly proud of how they have conducted themselves with such maturity, confidence and determination. They have been an absolute credit to themselves—well done to them all.

Thank you to the parents who attended the internet safety talk with the PSCOs on Tuesday evening. Each time I attend these talks, I learn something new about how to keep safe online as things change so quickly. I hope the parents who were there also learnt something new. It was an insightful and valuable discussion and I hope next time the PSCOs visit us more parents and family members can attend.

Strike action update

A message was sent out this week to inform parents that the school will be closed to all classes on the forthcoming planned strike days.

The first strike day is Thursday, 27th April; the second being Tuesday, 2nd May.

Your continued support is much appreciated.

Parents forum meeting

This will take place straight after the maths information evening on Wednesday, 26th April.

During the meeting, plans for the new EYFS extension will be shared and updates given on the previous agenda items.

Maths information evening for parents

**This will be held on Wednesday, 26th April.
Nursery and Reception in reception class**

Year 1 and 2 in Year 2 class

Year 3 and 4 in Year 3 class

Year 5 and 6 in Year 6 class

Each session will be repeated so parents with more than one child can attend 2 sessions during the evening.

See the next page for further information.

Year 3 parents evening

Parent meetings for Year 3 has been rescheduled to the following dates:

Thursday, 4th May at 1.30—4.00pm

And

Wednesday, 10th May at 3.30—5.00pm

Please book your appointments via School Spider.

Reminder: Monday, 1st May and Monday, 8th May are Bank Holidays.

Allergy Awareness week

Next week the children will be learning about allergy awareness to mark 'Allergy Awareness Week'.

As you will know, we are a 'nut free' school and a number of our children do have significant allergies to different foodstuffs. This means we all need to be extra vigilant in what food is sent into school for snack and packed lunch.

Class activities, competitions and discussions have been carefully planned and selected by our newly formed parental group who have come together to help all of us look after all of our children and keep everyone safe.

Please take note of the useful information poster included with this newsletter. If you want a paper copy of this poster (to attach to your fridge as a reminder!) please let school know.

Maths information evening for Parents/carers

- Has the way maths is taught changed since you were at school?
- Does your child's homework confuse you?
- Do you want to give your child the best opportunities for maths progress?
- Are you aware of what Age Related Expectations are for your child and for each year group?

We are holding an information evening on Wednesday, 26th April to explain more about how maths is taught and what the expectations are in each year group. We can show the resources we use in school and give tips and advice as to how you can further help your child at home with their maths.

Teachers will be doubling up in year groups to allow parents to attend more than one meeting and each meeting will be around 20-30 mins. Each meeting will be repeated to make it easier to attend two sessions. Meeting one will be at 3.30pm and meeting 2 will start at 4.10pm.

- ⇒ Nursery and Reception
- ⇒ Year 1 & 2
- ⇒ Year 3 & 4
- ⇒ Year 5 & 6



So please join us on 26th April and feel free to stay on for our parents' forum too!

Sleep Management Support for Parents

St Helens Children's Commissioning are launching a new Sleep Pathway Pilot for any child that is experiencing sleep difficulties. Various children's providers have been trained to provide an enhanced service that offers families and carers sleep advice and support.

This will include useful information covering bedtime routines, creating a relaxed environment, diet advice, and a sleep diary template. Attached is a leaflet containing further information and contact details.

PTFA

"Just a reminder that the PTFA fun family quiz night will take place at Bishop Rd Police club, on Friday 28th April at 6pm for 6:30 start. Look out for letters sent out earlier this week to book your team's entry.

We are asking for teams of up to 6 people. It will be £10 per team (children aged under 7 years-infants and younger-are more than welcome but won't need to be counted in your team total. You'll be glad of them for some questions though!).

There will be extra games and raffles to keep them entertained plus a tuck shop too. The bar will be open for refreshments.

We've got some great family prizes and fabulous hampers to win. See you there!"

Healthy snacks in school

This is a reminder that children should be bringing in healthy snacks only for their mid-morning snack.

This will help your child and help others too.

As you will be aware, we have a number of children in school with food

allergies.

Staff in school are working hard to keep everyone safe in school but some of the snacks that are being brought in are a) not a healthy option, or b) not helping our children with allergy prevention.

Please only send fruit/healthy snack for break times
AND

ABSOLUTELY NO NUTS OR NUT BASED PRODUCTS.

More details with information about being a NUT FREE SCHOOL are attached.

Thank you.

On-line Safety Tip

Following on from the on-line safety talk. We will be publishing an on-line safety tip each week provided by one of the children:

This week's tip is:

"Make sure that you log out of any accounts that you have before you switch off devices."

- Evelyn Seddon

Growing Together in God's Love

Important Dates for your Diary

April

- 24th - Chicks arriving for EYFS Living Eggs Programme
- 26th - Maths parents information evening (3.30pm)
- 26th - Parents Forum Meeting (5pm)
- 27th - School closed to all classes due to Industrial Action
- 28th - PTFA Family Quiz Night (Police Club)

May

- 1st - Bank Holiday
- 2nd - School closed to all classes due to Industrial Action
- 4th - Rescheduled Year 3 parents afternoon (1.30pm - 4pm)
- 8th - Bank Holiday
- 9th - Start of Year 6 End of Key Stage tests (SATs)
- 10th - Rescheduled Year 3 parents evening (3.30pm - 5pm)
- 12th - Y4 Collective Worship
- 18th - Ascension Day Mass in Church 11am
- 25th - Reception Class Vision Checks (0-19 team)
- 25th - Y6 trip to Lancashire Mining Museum
- 26th - May procession Church 11am
- 26th - Close for Whit Half-term (2 weeks)

June

- 12th - children return to school
- 12th - Year 4 Multiplication tables check
- 12th - Y4 start swimming (each Monday for 5 weeks)
- 16th - Nursery & Reception Fathers Day Assembly (2.30pm)
- 19th - Nursery September 2023 intake meeting (3.30pm)
- 20th - Y6 Leavers Photographs
- 20th - Times tables workshop for parents (4-5pm)
- 22nd - Reception September 2023 intake meeting (1.30pm & 4pm)
- 23rd - EYFS Collective Worship
- 29th - St Peter & St Paul Holy Day of Obligation Church 11am
- 30th - Y6 Crocky Trail Trip

July

- 1st - Y4 First Holy Communion - Church 12noon
- 3rd - Nursery & Reception trip to Windmill Farm
- 14th - Y6 Leavers Mass Church 11am
- 21st - End of Summer term (finish at 1.30pm)



Well done to our stars of the week.

**This week's award is for:
Showing creativity and confidence in
writing tasks**

Nursery: Adam Tucker

Reception: Isla Gavin

Year 1: Milo Ellison

Year 2: Nina Houghton

Year 3: Ethan Whittick

Year 4: Alfie Mills

Year 5: Jack Miller

Year 6: Jacob Alexander